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EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
HARTWICK SEMINARY, NY

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH
LAURENS, NY

The Rev. Paul R. Messner, S.T.S., Pastor
The Rev. Robert Mansbach, Pastor Emeritus

+ **Seventh Sunday after Pentecost** +
LBW Service of the Word
August 14th, 2022

(* = stand as you are able; LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship-green book;
+ = hymn requests; WOV = With One Voice Hymnal-blue book)

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

* **Entrance Hymn**

* **Invocation and Dialog**

* **The Apostles Creed**

* **Canticle**

Parish News

Lord of Light

Holy is the Lord

And have the great immensities . . .

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First Prayer: *(6th Century Leonine -- revised)*

Almighty, eternal God, increase in us your gifts of faith, hope and love. And in order that love may abide in us, help us to celebrate what your love has done for us. Through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Musical Offering

(St.M/Evan)

WORD

First Lesson: Jeremiah 23:23-29 A lesson from Jeremiah:

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? [24] Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. [25] I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" [26] How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back--those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? [27] They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. [28] Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. [29] Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces? The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody: Psalm 82 (Tones: single 22; double 24)

God has taken his place in the / divine council;*

in the midst of the gods / he holds judgment:

"How long will you / judge unjustly*

and show partiality / to the wicked?

Give justice to the weak / and the orphan;*

maintain the right of the lowly and the / destitute.

Rescue the weak / and the needy;*

deliver them from the hand / of the wicked."

They have neither knowledge nor understanding,
they walk a- / round in darkness;*
all the foundations of the / earth are shaken.

I say, / "You are gods,*
children of the Most High, / all of you;
nevertheless, you shall / die like mortals,*
and fall like / any prince."

Rise up, O God, / judge the earth;*
for all the nations be- / long to you!
Glory to the Father, and / to the Son,* and to the / Holy Spirit;
as it was in the begin- / ning, is now,* and will be forev- / er.
Amen.

Second Lesson: Hebrews 11:29--12:2 A lesson from Hebrews:

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. [30] By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. [31] By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

[32] And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- [33] who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, [34] quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. [35] Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. [36] Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. [37] They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- [38] of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

[39] Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, [40] since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

[12:1] Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, [2] looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Hymn:**

In Thee is Gladness

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* **Gospel Acclamation**

Glory to you, O Lord

Holy Gospel: Luke 12:49-56

"I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! [50] I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! [51] Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! [52] From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; [53] they will be divided:

father against son and son against father,
mother against daughter and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

[54] He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. [55] And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. [56] You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

The Gospel of the Lord.

*** Gospel Response**

Praise to you, O Christ

***Gospel Hymn:**

In Thee is Gladness

LBW #552 (St 2)

Children's Sermon/Homily

Deacon Deb Lawyer (Ev/ St. J)

Pr. Paul Messner (St. M/ A)

*** Hymn of the Day**

Oh Jesus, I Have Promised

LBW #503

RESPONSE

*** Sharing of the Peace of the Lord**

Offering (plates are at the door)

Musical Offering

(A)

*** Offertory**

Peace to Soothe our Bitter Woes

LBW #338

*** Offertory Prayer:**

Almighty Father, you open your hand with a harvest that can satisfy all your creatures. With these offerings we pledge to share your gifts. Help us to see you working through our charity. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*** Prayers of the Church**

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First Intercession:

Almighty God, we stand in awe of the wisdom and power by which you have made and still continue to create the world. Forgive us when we do not understand what you permit or do, being so physical in our outlook that we do not comprehend the spiritual. Remind us daily of the shortness of life in this world and its fleeting pleasure. As we think only of what we can see, give us by the Holy Spirit the eyes of faith, hope and love, with an appetite for the food of heaven, Jesus our savior.

Lord's Prayer

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SENDING

* **Benediction**

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* **Recessional Hymn**

How Great Thou Art

LBW #532

Dismissal

Go in Peace, Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Pastors Pericope Paragraph 8/14

(a "pericope" is a selected reading from scripture used as a lesson at worship)

What are the signs of the times? Not necessarily Jesus "meek and mild". Jesus who brings division and forces people to make uncomfortable choices. A Baptism of fire? What does this mean for us? Good News? (Gospel).

God's Word is a fire, from which we cannot hide. No secret places. No lies or false Gods. Faithfulness is our calling (1st Lesson). Gideon. Barak. Jephthah. David. You. Me. A 4000 year history of fire, sword, torture, mocking... and faithfulness - because Jesus has endured the cross and its shame - for us (2d Lesson).

Weekly Worship Practice:

Some Christians (Roman Catholic, Orthodox, Episcopalians, and some Lutherans) make the "sign of the cross" at various times in our liturgies (the LBW & WOV indicate some such places with a small + red cross):

-- at the Trinitarian name of God (Father, Son, & Holy Spirit), as an invocation or at confession and absolution

-- to remember our baptism

-- at the announcement of the Gospel: three small crosses on the forehead, on the lips, & over the heart ("God be in my mind, on my lips, and in my heart")

These are customs of personal piety. Perhaps they will prove helpful to thoughtful devotion and reverence

In the OCLP We Practice The "Reserved Sacrament". When laity “preside” at Holy Communion, they will use elements (bread and wine) previously consecrated by Pr. Paul at a prior worship service. Reserved elements are kept in an ambry for subsequent use in worship and distribution to the sick and shut-ins.

All baptized Christians are welcome to God's Table of Grace. All the baptized may commune in the OCLP with no age restriction; baptized children may begin communing after parents have consulted with Pastor. Those not yet communing of any age and for any reason may come forward to receive a verbal blessing. Indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest. The Lutheran Church believes, teaches and confesses that in, with and through the elements of bread and wine, Our Lord gives us His true body and blood for the forgiveness of our sin and the salvation of our lives. Anyone who has a legitimate impediment to receiving either element of the meal may receive in one kind only (bread or wine) and trust the Lord's grace that they are receiving full communion. Members, please fill out a “Voice From the Pew” folder to record your communion at least once a year. This is a constitutional requirement to determine our "Active" Voting” membership roster.

Thank You.

+OCLP+

We welcome Deacon Deb Lawyer to lead worship at Evangelical & St. John

Next week we welcome Deacon Tom Collins to lead worship at St. Matthew & Atonement

Serving Today	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
Comm. Asst. Asst. Minister Lector Cantor Altar Care Ushers/Greeters Coffee Hour Acolyte Sound System Bell Ringer Church Cleaner	Christine Brown Ed Pixley Ed Pixley Eli England Dennis Logan Temming		Jim Crouthamel

+ **Readings Through This Week** +

See website: <https://www.otsegocountylutheranparish.com>

+Prayers of the Church+

(Please take this prayer list home and use with your personal devotion time)

+Atonement+

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Joan Lambiaso, John Laitsch, Rebecca Pollack (Joan Carman), Juan Perez (D. Sherrill), Bridgette Shepardson (Thompson), Rene Prins, Heather Mendoza, Grace & Chuck Dietzman, Rita Nelson, Thoranne Winkler, Monica Koulis (Winkler), TJ Dwyer (Sherrill), Mary Carol Hart (Walters), Mary Ann Ross (Englands), Margo Graham (Sue Dana), Barbara Loitsch, Doris Quinn (Brown), David Kelefant (Walters), Allen and Ted Case (uncle/nephew) (Messner), Sue (M. Messner); Carleen (M. Messner), Valerie England, Sue Dana, Alice Burdick

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Barbara Ashmore

For young adult: Carly King

+Evangelical+

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Kathi Yule (C. Butts), Yvonne Cornell, Dan Barrows (John and Pam Miller), Alex Reynolds (C. Butts), Marilyn Urbiss (Burda), Roz Winne (C. Butts), Janet Underwood (Burda), Gloria Hendricks, Susan Howard, John & Pam Miller, David Glynn, Esther Hughes, Bill Jacobson (D. Brown), Anthony Scarfuto (Boyd), Dwaine Sharett (Butts), Jim Desrocher (Boyd), Dick Woodhouse (Hazzard), Kenny Medor (Butts), Joan Ackerman (Butts), Mary Beth Pedersen

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Esther & Charlie Hughes

For Young Adult: Kevin Burda

+St. Matthew+

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Scott Forbes, Tina Keator, Sherrie Roy (Lawyer), Laura Emmet (Lawyer), Lynn Benekin (Forbes), Barbara Gesile (Lapp), Gina Pywar, Erika Baker-Heinegg, Michele Tolen (T. Wood), Melissa McLaughlin (S. Eggers), Triston (Hahn), Cathy Walsh (Stevens), Mary Hartmann (Nelson), Owen Basher (Marsh), Rennie Brown (Janet), Jason Hahn, Kathy & Rich Parsons, Maureen McAndrew (Greenleaf), Mike McAndrew (Greenleaf), Bernie Sitts Jr. (Klafehn), Marge Bonney, Jack Anthony (Stevens), Troy Lutz (Bush), Alan Peeters, Isabell Tophoven, Bev Lapp, Corinne Pollak, Joe Rotolo, James Wikoff (Hulbert), Doris Allen (Klafehn), Wayne Bush Sr (Bush), Vicky Vesely (Bush), Rita Knapp (Klafehn)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Erika Baker-Heinegg

For Young Adult: Spencer Sherry

+Beyond the Parish+

For healing in body, mind and spirit: Jackie Hesse (Lawyer), Rosemary Pepe (Eggers), Dorothy Fernandez, (Eggers), Dick Armstrong, Helga Lange (Winkler), Elise Zayat, Gina Utter (Thompson), Cathy Deleski (Thompson), Alicia Biesler (Thompson), Margie Ortega (Thompson), Amy Cooper (Messner), Mike Quinn (Messner), Ashwin Kalyandurg (Bush), Larry Antemann (Messner), Stash Tarka (Messner), Carl Roberts (Messner), Pr Lynn Ash, Cathy Carroll Ziemba (Messner). Those struggling with cancer. The mentally ill and those who care for them.

For those preparing for marriage:

For those celebrating childbirth:

For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services:

In the Foothills Conference: For the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS), the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS), the North American Lutheran Church (NALC), Lutheran Churches in Mission for Christ (LCMC), and all other Lutheran denominations in America that we may give common expression to our Christian faith and Lutheran heritage

National/ International Concerns: all victims of religious, ethnic, and racial hatred; the people of Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Ukraine, Russia and Taiwan; for the Uyghur Muslims, Tibetan Buddhists, and Christians of China; for those involved in the continuing crisis on our Southern border; for refugees & migrants; for those living in long term care facilities; for an end to violence in our schools and communities; those who use the internet to foment hatred, for those suffering from Summer's extreme heat.

**+Blessed are the Dead+
Who Die in the Lord**

+ Parish News and Notes +

+A special welcome to all visitors, friends and guests.

Please fill out a Voice from the Pew folder and sign our Guest Book. Please include your complete mailing, e-mail address, and phone number. If you are new to the community or are looking for a Church Home, please let us know how we can be of service and consider our Christian family your own.

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Please check your mailbox anytime you are in the building. Thanks!
Remember to sign in for attendance and contact tracing. Thank you

Attendance & Offering Statistics

Date	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
8/7			
**	(\$1,290)	(\$705)	(\$1,309)
8/10			

**** Needed to meet weekly expenses**

+ OCLP +

+As last year Evangelical will be collecting school supplies for Katy Van Dusen's class - this year at Milford Central. Others are welcome to contribute as well!

Bring to church (evangelical) or give to Pr. Paul.

Do others have a similar need?

+ THIS WEEK +

+Wednesday Services:

7:30am St. Matthew

Noon Evangelical

7:00pm Atonement

10:00am Clergy Bible Study, Christ Church, Cooperstown

+ COMING UP +

+ THOUGHT OF THE WEEK +

Have you remembered the church in your will
and designated your congregation to receive memorial gifts in your honor?

Otsego Country Lutheran Parish

Lutheran Church of the Atonement, Oneonta, NY

Sunday Worship 10:30 am (Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays + festivals)

John Mushtare: President

Leslie Bauer: Organist

Barbara Loitsch: Choir Director

Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hartwick Seminary, NY

Sunday Worship 9:15 am (Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays + festivals)

Joyce Boyd: President

Donna Brown: Organist

St. John Lutheran Church, West Burlington, NY

Sunday Worship 11:15 am (Holy Communion 2nd and 4th Sundays + festivals)

Paul Hecker: President

Ethel Mills: Accompanist

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Laurens, NY

Sunday Worship 8:30 am (Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays + festivals)

Ed Winslow: President

Janet Brown: Organist

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Services of Healing are usually held on the 5th Sunday of a month

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Any news/ announcements/ or other information that you wish to have included in the weekly service bulletin must be received by Pr. Paul no later than 9am on Tuesday of that week. Items received after this time cannot be guaranteed to appear in that week's bulletin.

Items should be emailed to the OCLP office and appear exactly as you wish them to in the bulletin.